

# THE PLAN AND CERTAINTY OF SALVATION

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## INTRODUCTION

In this paper, I will be discussing God's plan for mankind's salvation and the certainty of Christ accomplishing it. God's overall plan is simple & easy to understand but His process to accomplish it is complex and hidden in the spiritual language of scripture. As I present God's plan, please try to put aside the beliefs that you have been taught by Orthodox Christianity and let scripture teach you afresh.

## GOD'S OVERALL PLAN

**Gen 1:26: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:**

This one verse tells why God created mankind. If you have ever wanted to know the meaning of life, this is it. Mankind is here to be born as children of God. What mankind is experiencing now is the process by which God produces His offspring.

The birthing analogy used in scripture teaches how God produces His offspring.

Using that analogy, Adam and Eve were created as children of God. But due to their marred spirit (**Jer 18:4**), they quickly sinned and became children of the devil. The parents of this new child are Satan and the bondwoman.

After a child of the devil is given the Early Rain of the Spirit and is called to be a saint, a new child of God is formed in the womb of the freewoman. Christ is the father.

Below are a few verses which reference this analogy:

**Ecc 11:5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.**

**1Thes 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.**

**Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.**

When the time comes for the freewoman to give birth, the person will receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This is the moment when the new child of God is born.

**John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

Christ teaches His truth through many different analogies. This is one of the ways Christ has chosen to conceal His truth from this world and to reveal Himself only to His Elect. The Elect, at the time of the Latter Rain, are given “eyes that can see”. With these new eyes which can see spiritually, the spiritual teachings of the New Covenant will open up to their understanding.

Note on analogies: To understand the truth of God, it is important not to mix the analogies. Each analogy teaches only certain truths in the context of “a little here and a little there” (**Isa 28:10-11**).

Here is another analogy that teaches on God’s plan for mankind. It is the analogy of the potter:

**Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.**

**Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.**

Jer 18:4 is a teaching on mankind’s true spiritual condition (marred) that everyone has from birth. Mankind’s marred spirit was not a mistake by Christ. Christ created mankind spiritually marred for a reason – to give mankind a knowledge of evil. Because of mankind’s marred spirit, the spirit developed a carnal and religious spiritual nature. It is this carnal and religious spiritual nature that causes a person’s mind to become carnal and religious, as well. The end result is why mankind sins and becomes children of the devil.

Mankind had no say in this matter:

**Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.**

Without the knowledge of evil, mankind would not have the ability to fully understand good.

To be a child of God, a person must have this knowledge:

**Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:**

After Christ’s purpose for evil has been satisfied, Christ will use the process of conversion to make a person into another vessel that seemed good for the potter to make (**Jer 18:4**). This new vessel is a child of God. It is salvation.

To accomplish mankind’s salvation, God sent Jesus Christ into the world:

**1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.**

The spiritual process of converting a child of the devil into a child of God is not a quick or easy process. It involves a great deal of work from Christ - and make no mistake about it, it is 100% His work. Mankind has no works of any kind that they contribute to their own salvation. In the end, Christ will succeed in converting all mankind so that God will have many new children.

### **CHRIST'S PLAN TO CONVERT MANKIND**

Let's take a look now at the details of how Christ is going to accomplish the work His Father gave Him. His work is much more complex and hidden in scripture than most believers realize.

To convert mankind, Christ has established an ORDER and a PROCESS to accomplish His work. When Christ is finished, every person who has ever lived will be fully made into a child of God and will dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven forever. Anything less and Christ will have failed in the mission that His Father gave Him.

#### **1). THE ORDER OF CONVERSION**

The salvation of mankind will happen in two groups and in two ages of time.

The people in the first group are called the heirs of Abraham, the Elect, the First Fruits, the Bride and the Saints. They are few in number and are considered blessed by God since they are first to be converted/saved. They will receive the reward of having life during the ages and the honor of reigning with Christ during that time.

**Mat 25:46 And these shall go away to punishment age-during, but the righteous to life age-during.**

**Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

The people in this first group were chosen by God from the foundation of the world:

**Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.**

This group of chosen individuals are the only ones who Christ will convert/save in this present age – an age which is commonly called the church age. No one else will be saved at this time.

The SECOND GROUP to be converted makes up the remaining balance of mankind who were not saved in the first group. Their conversion will occur in the next & final age after Christ has resurrected each of them from the grave. However, this second group has an order within it: the Gentiles will be saved first, then the remaining physical offspring of Abraham (the Jews) will be saved last.

**Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

**Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

The Jewish Nation was the first group of people who were called to be saints. But since they rejected their Savior when He appeared to them in the flesh, most will not be saved in this present age. Their salvation will occur at the end of the final age after the fulness of the Gentiles has been brought into the Kingdom of Heaven.

## **2). THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION**

**1Cor 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.**

Mankind was created with a marred spirit. The flaw in mankind's spirit is that it is weak and subject to vanity. The combination of these two flaws resulted in mankind's spirit developing a carnal & religious spiritual nature (the natural). In this portion of the paper, I will present the process that Christ uses to give mankind a divine and powerful spirit like the one Christ possesses (the spiritual). This is mankind's salvation.

Christ's work of saving mankind consists of TWO PARTS as shown in the verse below:

**John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have 1). LIFE, and that they might have it 2). MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

The first part of Christ's work to save mankind was His physical work that lead Him to the cross. This work was accomplished under the Old Covenant (the natural).

The second part of Christ's work to save mankind is His on-going spiritual work. This work is presently being accomplished under the New Covenant (the spiritual).

## **PART ONE – THE PHYSICAL WORK OF CHRIST**

Christ came in the flesh to earn the legal authority to give mankind life. Because of mankind's sins, mankind is under the penalty of death (not the false doctrine of eternal hell):

**Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**

To accomplish this goal of giving mankind life, it was necessary for Christ to become the perfect and final sacrifice for mankind's sins.

**Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

**1Pet 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

**Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

From Christ's sacrifice on the cross, Christ fulfilled the Law of the Old Covenant and earned the keys to death and hell...

**Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

...and became mankind's near kinsman redeemer.

From Christ's work at the cross, Christ purchased mankind's sin debt and earned the legal authority to resurrect all mankind from the grave.

## **PART TWO – THE SPIRITUAL WORK OF CHRIST**

As John 10:10 says, Christ came to give mankind more than just the same sinful life they currently have. Christ also came to give mankind a more abundant life. That more abundant life is a life free from sin along with a restored relationship with His Father.

In order to give each person a more abundant life, Christ established a new covenant with mankind; the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

The New Covenant is a spiritual covenant and the works that are performed under it are 100% the works of Christ. Christ does His works within a person because of His grace and not because of anything they have ever done to make themselves worthy of it.

Under the New Covenant, Christ will come to each person who has ever lived and collect the debt of death that they owe Him. But before He collects that debt, He will give them the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit which will give the person a new birth as a child of God.

Consider this greatly misunderstood verse below:

**Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

In this analogy of a sword, the sword represents the Word of God (Christ).

Christ's hidden spiritual message He is teaching in Matt 26:52 is that all who take up the Sword (those who have been given the Early Rain of the Spirit and have been "called to be saints"), will later perish by the Sword (death of the child of the devil). This death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person a second time and gives them the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain), followed by the Baptism of Fire (judgment):

**Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire.**

Because of Christ's work on the cross, Christ became mankind's near kinsman redeemer. Now mankind owes their debt of death to Christ. But before Christ collects that debt from any person, He will make them into a new creation beforehand by freely giving them the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain/Spirit of Truth). After the new child of God is born, Christ will then collect the debt of death the person owes Him by the baptism of Fire (Day of the Lord/judgment). This baptism will destroy all the spiritual things within the person that caused them to be a sinful child of the devil. Both the new birth and death of the child of the devil are spiritual processes which happen within a person. These two spiritual processes are what converts a person from a child of the devil into a child of God.

### **THE EARLY AND LATTER RAINS**

I mentioned earlier that the conversion process is complex and is hidden in scripture. It most certainly is and in fact, it is a GREAT MYSTERY:

**Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

The core of this great mystery is the Early and Latter Rain concept.

**Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY AND LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

**Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the RAIN, as the Latter and Early Rain unto the earth.**

The Early Rain of the Spirit occurs when Christ comes to an unbeliever and freely gives them a small measure of the Holy Spirit. This is when Christ calls a person to be a saint.

**Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

In this age, most of mankind will not be called to be a saint because Christ will not give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. Without this small measure of the Spirit, no person can have faith in Christ (**Rom 12:3**) or the desire to accept Jesus as their Lord (**1Cor 12:3**).

However, Christ does give “many” people in this age the Early Rain of the Spirit. It is by this gift of the Spirit that a person is called to be a saint.

From this group of “many”, a “few” have been chosen to actually become saints. To become a saint, Christ will return to the chosen “few” and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. The Latter Rain of the Spirit is the baptism of the Holy Spirit which births the new child of God. Judgment will then follow to complete the chosen person’s conversion.

### **Why doesn’t the Early Rain of the Spirit convert a person?**

Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is given in measure, it will not heal a person’s spiritual blindness (**Mark 8:15-25**). As a result, Christ/Truth will not spiritually “appear” to the new believer. In other words, the truth of Christ’s spiritual teachings of the New Covenant will remain hidden from the believer’s understanding – and this will leave their house empty of truth. The believer is now easy prey for Satan’s deceptions.

In the scripture below, Christ explains what happens to all new believers (babes) after they are called to be a saint.

**Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

The spiritual symbol of an unclean spirit represents Satan's false truth. Since a new believer remains spiritually blind after receiving the Early Rain, they cannot replace their worldly false beliefs with God's truth. Because the new believer’s house remains empty of truth, the original unclean spirit comes back with SEVEN more (represents the spirit of anti-Christ). Now, instead of just one unclean spirit within them, they now have EIGHT. The number EIGHT is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition is worse than the first.

Paul calls this worsened spiritual condition a Man of Sin:

**2Thes 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or**

**that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

This spiritual process of devolution happens to everyone after they are given the Early Rain of the Spirit and have entered the church. No babe can avoid it.

**Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

A person's salvation occurs not just by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Some of those words are evil:

**Lam 3:38 Out of the mouth of the Most High doth not there proceed evil and good?**

All new believers (babes) will eat Satan's leavened bread and drink the Old Wine at some point after they are given the Early Rain of the Spirit.

This scripture below applies to eating leavened bread:

**Matt 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**

The woman (also called the Great Harlot) represents the person's marred spirit which takes leaven (lies) from Satan and hides it in three measures of meal (truth). The resulting loaf of bread is what the woman feeds to the person's mind. And since the leaven is hidden in the loaf, the person doesn't know that they are being deceived by Satan.

This scripture below applies to drinking the Old Wine:

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the old is better.**

The Old Wine represents the blood of the Old Covenant of Law. The Old Covenant is man's approach to God of using their own "works". It is called the crooked way.

With this approach, the remission of sins is not possible.

**Heb 10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**

The New Wine represents the blood of the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

**Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for**



**the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

The New Covenant of Grace through Faith is the only acceptable approach to God and it is based solely on the works of Christ “lest any man should boast” (**Eph 2:9**). It is called the straight way.

When a new believer receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, Christ will strike a blow to the head (mind) of the Old Man and give him a deadly wound. But since the death of the Old Man is a slow process, a spiritual war develops. During this war within the person, Satan will come to the aid of the person’s marred spirit and strengthen it (make it worse than the first) via the deceptions that come from the spirit of anti-Christ. And since the marred spirit controls the believer’s mind (head), the deadly head wound will be healed.

**Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**

Because the deadly head wound was healed, the new believer remains unconverted and becomes a man of sin who is under the full spiritual influence of Satan.

Now that the believer is under Satan’s influence, they will accept Satan’s false gospel which mixes works with faith. Accepting this false gospel, the believer has committed the only sin that will lead to a believer’s spiritual death (**1John 5:16**). From this death, they cannot be renewed to repentance (**Heb 6:4-6**). It is for this reason that Christ must come to His fallen away Elect a second time so that He can make them faithful again.

This verse applies:

**Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready (faithful).**

The Doctrine of Free Will is the most common belief that causes a believer to fall away and accept Satan's false gospel. An apostate believer will use this "works" based belief system to justify why unbelievers are worthy of hell and why they are not. As a result, the apostate believer will mistakenly believe that they are wiser, smarter or less evil than those who reject Christ. And because of this false belief, they will take credit for making the right choice to accept Christ. This makes for a very self-righteous Christian. But in truth, the credit was not theirs to take. It was Christ's work within them that caused them to accept Jesus as their Lord. All the credit belongs to Christ just as this scripture below illustrates:

**Rev 4:10 he four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,**

saying, **11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

### **THE CERTAINTY OF MANKIND'S SALVATION**

God's "will" and sovereignty are far greater and more powerful than most believers understand. In turn, most believers have given man, and even Satan, more power and sovereignty than they deserve.

Here is what scripture says about the power of God:

**Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

**Isa 46:10-11 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.**

Most Christians will say that they believe these verses, but by the doctrines that they have accepted and teach, it is clear that they do not really believe them.

**So how certain is the salvation of each and every person who has ever lived?**

I will let God's Word answer that question:

**1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

Some scholars believe this verse should be translated as "desires to have all men be saved", but that translation makes no sense. The verse needs to say "will have" to support the event that will later be "testified" to have happened. The word "desires" does not require anything to be accomplished. It is an emotion. And if Christ only desires to save mankind, why would it need to be proven to be true at some future date? An emotion can be proven in the present. The translation of "desires" (or any other word) in verse 4 makes no sense in light of the phrase "to be testified in due time". The only reasonable conclusion is that the verse should be translated as "who will have all men to be saved".

Also, even if the verse is translated as "desires", it doesn't change the meaning of the verse since God ALWAYS accomplishes His desires.

**Job 23:13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? And what his soul desireth, that will he do.**

**Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

If a person thinks that mankind's "will" is too strong for Christ to overcome, then they are mistaken:

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

Christ's work of saving mankind is now "spiritual" work under the New Covenant. Spiritual work is done "within" mankind. In this world, Christ accomplishes His "will" by changing a person's heart to agree with His "will".

**Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.**

**Jer 10:23 I know, Jehovah, that the way of man is not his own; it is not in a man that walketh to direct his steps.**

A person's salvation happens solely by the spiritual work Christ does within them. And since Christ has sworn by the prophets that He will do His work within all mankind, how can anyone remain lost?

Consider these scriptures below:

**Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

**Isa 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

**Phi 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 and that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

If Christ fails to save even one person, He will have failed to accomplish the mission His Father gave Him to do. If this were to happen, Christ's words will have come back to Him void and He will have "missed the mark" which His Father established. However, Christ is not like mankind who frequently fails. Christ always accomplishes the things He says He will do.

Finally, consider these scriptures:

**1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

**Rom 5:18 so then as it was by one offence towards all men to condemnation, so by one righteousness towards all men for justification of life. 19 For as indeed by the disobedience of the one man the many have been constituted sinners, so also by the obedience of the one the many will be constituted righteous.**

Do these scriptures sound like Christ is going to fail to save all mankind? Most certainly not.

These scriptures describe the same event that **1Tim 2:4-6** proclaims will be "testified in due time". It leaves no room for doubt about the saving work of Christ being accomplished in all mankind.

By the end of the final age, Christ will have fully accomplished the mission that His Father gave to Him. After the last person is saved, Christ's reign will come to an end because there will be nothing more that needs to be accomplished. Christ's last act will be to deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven (now completely full of all mankind) to His Father so that God will be "all in all" (no one left out).

What I have presented above is the true Good News (Gospel) of Christ and is what should be proclaimed to the world.

The false gospel that the apostate churches of this world teach, makes Christ out to be a failure. And when coupled with the Doctrine of Hell, Christ is made out to be far worse than the worst of mankind.

Which Gospel do you believe?